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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, April 20, 2004
Date/Time of Occurrence: Thursday, May 20, 2004, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Nature of Event: Sheriff Hosts Free Identity Theft Classes
Location of Event: Senior Center, Dewitt Center, Auburn

Released by: Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is hosting two free identity theft classes in Auburn on Thursday, May 20.

Detectives Jim Hudson and Alfredo Guitron will teach citizens how to protect themselves against the fastest growing crime in America. Attendees will learn how to avoid becoming a victim; how to safeguard their identity; how *not* to unknowingly give out or lose personal information; and how suspects obtain information. Hudson and Guitron will also relay some very important steps to take if you become a victim of identity theft.

Business owners will learn to identify customers who may be using stolen personal information. These detectives have investigated hundreds of financial crimes and will relate the problems law enforcement encounters in such cases. They will also be available after each seminar to answer individual questions.

The classes will be held at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center in north Auburn's DeWitt Center, 11577 E Avenue at 9:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Classes should last about two hours.

For more information, please call (916) 791-5884.